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SUBJECT: NIGERIA POLICE URGENTLY SEEK PURCHASE OF TEARGAS FRM US

REF: (A) STATE 135656, (B) LAGOS 4126, (C) LAGOS 6377

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM MIN FINANCE THAT QUOTE  
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS UNQUOTE ARE MADE WHEN THE MILITARY  
OR POLICE WISH TO IMPORT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS  
ITEMS LISTED IN THE IMPORT PROHIBITION ORDER OF 1978  
(REF B). FOR EXAMPLE, POLICE FORCE ARMAMENTS OFFICER,  
SUPERINTENDENT OMINUNU STATED THAT HE WILL RECEIVE AN  
IMPORT LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION ON TEAR GAS  
IMPORTS (REF C) FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AS  
SOON AS HE IS PROVIDED WITH SPECIFIC FLIGHT INFORMATION.  
ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS THE BAN ON PISTOLS AND OTHER  
HANDGUNS UNDER SCHEDULE I PART 1, ITEM 16, OF THE  
ORDER. THE FMG HOPES TO CURB ARMED ROBBERY BY THE  
BAN AND THE POLICE ARE AUTHORIZED TO IMPORT PISTOLS.

2. OTHER EXCEPTIONS ARE SET OUT IN SCHEDULE III,  
COLUMN 2, AS REPORTED IN REF B. LICENSES FOR GOODS  
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IN SCHEDULE III, PART 1, ARE GRANTED BY THE COMMISSIONER  
OF FINANCE, THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS OR OTHERS AS  
SPECIFIED. FOR GOODS IN PART 2, LICENSES ARE OBTAINED  
FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF TRADE. MINFINANCE OFFICIAL  
HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IMPORT OF ITEMS 3 AND 11 FOR  
MINING PURPOSES DOES NOT CHANGE THEIR STATUS UNDER THE  
ORDER. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE

WHETHER THE IMPORTER WAS A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL OR A  
COMMERCIAL FIRM FOR THOSE ITEMS LISTED UNDER SCHEDULE I.

3. SCHEDULE III, COLUMN 1, ITEMS 15-21 ARE LISTED AS  
FOLLOWS: QUOTE

15. TERNE-PLATE AND ALL GOODS MADE OF TERNE-PLATE

16. MACHINES FOR DUPLICATING KEYS

17. SALK ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE

18. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS INCLUDING--

(I) GAS OR DIESEL OILS;

(II) ILLUMINATING OILS INCLUDING KEROSENE AND OTHER;

(III) LUBRICATING OILS;

(IV) MOTOR SPIRITS, BENZINE, BENSOLINE, NAPHTHA, GASOLINE,  
PETROL AND PETROLEUM SHALE AND COAL TAR SPIRITS,

19. ARMoured VEHICLES.

20. EAVES-DROPPING EQUIPMENT: PROBE MICROPHONEES;

MINI-SIZED DYNAMIC MICROPHONES; CONTACT MICROPHONES;

POCKET-SIZED TAPE RECORDERS; LIE DETECTORS; DOOR-STEP

MICROPHONES; POCKET WIRELESS TRANSMITTING AND

RECEIVING SETS, POCKET ELECTRONIC STETHOSCOPE; WIRELESS

TELEPHONE AND SPACE MONITORING SETS; MICROCAMERAS; AND

ALL FORMS OF MINI-TRANSMITTERS.

21. PHOTOCOPYING MACHINES CAPABLE OF REPRODUCING IN  
COLOUR. UNQUOTE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF INFO PARA 1, EMBASSY  
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WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS TREATMENT OF U.S. COMPANY  
REQUEST REF C. REQUEST IS FOR EXPORT CONTROL CLEARANCE  
OF TEARGAS SHIPMENT. NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE HQ IS BE-  
COMING DESPERATE FOR SHIPMENT AS POLICE ARE DOWN TO  
LAST OF THEIR GAS RESERVE AND FEAR FURTHER RIOTS THIS  
WEEK WHICH WILL QUICKLY EXHAUST REMAINING SUPPLY. WITH-  
OUT RESORT TO TEARGAS, POLICE MAY EASILY EMPLOY LIVE  
AMMUNITION TO KEEP ORDER.  
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